

Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward McGaffigan, Jr., to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate James F.X. O’Gara to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate John J. Young, Jr., to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roland Arnall to be Ambassador to the Netherlands.

The President announced his intention to nominate William McCormick to be Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa.

The President announced his intention to designate John F. Clark as Acting Director of the United States Marshals Service.

The President announced his intention to designate Preston M. Geren as Acting Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas E. Harvey as Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

## July 29

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams of Northern Ireland and President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Naomi Churchill Earp to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Joseph Henke to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Franklin L. Lavin to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

The President announced his intention to nominate William F. Tuerk to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laurence Francis Rooney to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

The President announced his intention to nominate Terry Neese to be Director of the Mint at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Hofflund to be a member of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Josette Sheeran Shiner to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank; U.S. Alternate Governor for the African Development Bank; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; U.S. Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and U.S. Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund.

The President announced his intention to designate Josette Sheeran Shiner as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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## Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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## Submitted July 25

Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 2 years, vice Robert B. Holland III, term expired.

C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Richard Henry Jones,  
of Nebraska, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr.,  
of New Hampshire, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Darlene F. Williams,  
of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Dennis C. Shea, resigned.

Martin J. Gruenberg,  
of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term expiring December 27, 2012 (reappointment).

***Submitted July 27***

Sandra Frances Ashworth,  
of Idaho, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009 (reappointment).

Jan Cellucci,  
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009, vice Joan Challinor, term expired.

Keith E. Gottfried,  
of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, vice Richard A. Hauser, resigned.

Alfred Hoffman,  
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Portugal.

Bertha K. Madras,  
of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, vice Andrea G. Barthwell.

Diane Rivers,  
of Arkansas, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009, vice Jack E. Hightower, term expired.

Mark S. Schneider,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2009, vice Robert Lerner.

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Roland Arnall,  
of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Joseph Frank Bianco,  
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, vice Denis R. Hurley, retired.

Timothy Mark Burgess,  
of Alaska, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Alaska, vice James K. Singleton, Jr., retired.

George M. Gray,  
of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice J. Paul Gilman, resigned.

Christine M. Griffin,  
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2009, vice Paul Steven Miller, term expired.

Emil W. Henry, Jr.,  
of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Wayne Abernathy.

Kathryn Higgins,  
of South Dakota, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2009, vice Carol Jones Carmody, resigned.

William E. Kovacic,  
of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of 7 years from September 26, 2004, vice Orson Swindle, resigned.

Barry F. Lowenkron,  
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State  
for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor,  
vice Lorne W. Craner, resigned.

Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr.,  
of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for  
the Eastern District of Tennessee, vice R.  
Allan Edgar, retiring.

William Paul McCormick,  
of Oregon, to be Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of the United States of  
America to New Zealand, and to serve con-  
currently and without additional compensa-  
tion as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-  
potentiary of the United States of America  
to Samoa.

Edward McGaffigan, Jr.,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission for the term of 5  
years expiring June 30, 2010 (reappoint-  
ment).

James F.X. O’Gara,  
of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for  
Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug  
Control Policy, vice Barry D. Crane.

John J. Young, Jr.,  
of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Re-  
search and Engineering, vice Ronald M.  
Sega.

***Submitted July 29***

John G. Roberts, Jr.,  
of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of  
the Supreme Court of the United States, vice  
Sandra Day O’Connor, retiring.

Naomi Churchill Earp,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Equal  
Employment Opportunity Commission for a  
term expiring July 1, 2010 (reappointment).

Robert Joseph Henke,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of  
Veterans Affairs (Management), vice William  
H. Campbell, resigned.

Mark Hofflund,  
of Idaho, to be a member of the National  
Council on the Arts for the remainder of the  
term expiring September 3, 2008, vice James  
McBride, resigned.

Franklin L. Lavin,  
of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce  
for International Trade, vice Grant D.  
Aldonas, resigned.

Terry Neese,  
of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Mint for  
a term of 5 years, vice Henrietta Holsman  
Fore.

Francis Rooney,  
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of the United States of  
America to the Holy See.

Josette Sheeran Shiner,  
of Virginia, to be United States Alternate  
Governor of the International Bank for Re-  
construction and Development for a term of  
5 years; United States Alternate Governor of  
the Inter-American Development Bank for  
a term of 5 years; United States Alternate  
Governor of the African Development Bank  
for a term of 5 years; United States Alternate  
Governor of the African Development Fund;  
United States Alternate Governor of the  
Asian Development Bank; and United States  
Alternate Governor of the European Bank  
for Reconstruction and Development, vice  
Alan Phillip Larson.

William F. Tuerk,  
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Vet-  
erans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, vice John  
W. Nicholson, resigned.

***Withdrawn July 29***

Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr.,  
of New York, to be a member of the Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission for the term of 5  
years expiring June 30, 2009, vice Richard  
A. Meserve, resigned, which was sent to the  
Senate on January 4, 2005.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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***Released July 23***

Statement by the Press Secretary on the terrorist attack in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

***Released July 25***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Office Director Jim Towey on the President's meeting with African American leaders

***Released July 26***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

***Released July 27***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a conference call press briefing by White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James Connaughton on the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 52

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3071

Fact sheet: President Bush and the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development

***Released July 28***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S. Response to the IRA Statement

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3453

Statement by the Press Secretary on the murders of two Algerian diplomats in Iraq

***Released July 29***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 544

Fact sheet: The Energy Bill: Good for Consumers, the Economy, and the Environment

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Approved July 27***

H.R. 3071 / Public Law 109–38

To permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term

H.J. Res. 52 / Public Law 109–39

Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003

***Approved July 28***

H.R. 3453 / Public Law 109–40

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005, Part V

***Approved July 29***

S. 544 / Public Law 109–41

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005